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MINNESOTA CORN AND SOYBEAN PRODUCTIONS BOTH UP

CORN production for Minnesota is forecast at 1.20 billion bushels. If realized, this will be a record high, breaking the previous record set in 2005 and 5 percent above last year's level according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, Minnesota Field Office. The August 1 yield is forecast at 165 bushels per acre, up 19 bushels from last year's yield of 146 bushels per acre. Corn for grain harvested is estimated at 7.25 million acres, down 7 percent from last year.

SOYBEAN production is forecast at 278 million bushels, up 10 percent from last year's production. Based on August 1 conditions, the yield is forecast at 40 bushels per acre, 1 bushel below 2007's yield.

The **SPRING WHEAT** crop is estimated at 87.5 million bushels, up 13 percent from last year. Yield is estimated at 50 bushels per acre, unchanged from the July forecast, and up 3 bushels per acre from last year.

BARLEY production is forecast at 6.82 million bushels, up 11 percent from 2007. Yield is forecast at 62 bushels per acre, down 3 bushels from July, and up 6 bushels from last year.

OAT production is estimated at 11.1 million bushels, up 2 percent from last year. Yield is forecast at 65 bushels per acre, down 3 bushels from July and up 5 bushels from last year.

The **SUGARBEET** crop is estimated at 9.66 million tons, down 16 percent from 2007's production level. Yield is estimated at 22.3 tons per acre, down 1.5 tons per acre from last year's 23.8 tons per acre.

This year's **DRY BEAN** production is estimated at 2.52 million hundredweight, down 90 thousand hundredweight from last year. Yield is forecast at 1,800 pounds per acre, unchanged from last year.

Minnesota's **ALFALFA HAY** production is estimated at 3.96 million tons, up 11 percent from 2007. Yield is forecast at 3.6 tons per acre, up 0.5 tons per acre from last year.

U.S. HIGHLIGHTS

CORN production is forecast at 12.3 billion bushels, down 6 percent from last year but 17 percent above 2006. Based on conditions as of August 1, yields are expected to average 155.0 bushels per acre, up 3.9 bushels from last year. If realized, this yield would be the second highest on record, behind 2004. Production would be the second highest on record, behind last year when producers harvested the most acres of corn for grain since 1933.

SOYBEAN production is forecast at 2.97 billion bushels, up 15 percent from last year but down 7 percent from the record high production of 2006. If realized, this will be the fourth largest production on record. Based on August 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 40.5 bushels per acre, down 0.7 bushel from 2007.

SPRING WHEAT production is forecast at 501 million bushels, down 1 percent from last month but up 5 percent from 2007. Area harvested for grain totals 13.8 million acres, unchanged from last month but up 6 percent from last year.

MINNESOTA & U.S. HARVESTED ACRES, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION

COMMODITY	2007 HARVESTED ACRES (000)	2008 HARVESTED ACRES (000)	2007 YIELD	2008 YIELD	2007 PRODUCTION (000)	2008 PRODUCTION (000)
MINNESOTA						
CORN (Bu)	7,800	7,250	146.0	165.0	1,138,800	1,196,250
SOYBEANS (Bu)	6,150	6,950	41.0	40.0	252,150	278,000
SPRING WHEAT (Bu)	1,650	1,750	47.0	50.0	77,550	87,500
BARLEY (Bu)	110	110	56.0	62.0	6,160	6,820
OATS (Bu)	180	170	60.0	65.0	10,800	11,050
SUGARBEETS (Ton)	481	433	23.8	22.3	11,448	9,656
DRY BEANS 1/	145	140	1,800	1,800	2,610	2,520
ALFALFA HAY (Ton)	1,150	1,100	3.10	3.60	3,565	3,960
OTHER HAY (Ton)	730	600	1.50	1.80	1,095	1,080
UNITED STATES						
CORN (Bu)	86,542	79,290	151.1	155.0	13,073,893	12,287,875
SOYBEANS (Bu)	62,820	73,341	41.2	40.5	2,585,207	2,972,577
SPRING WHEAT (Bu)	12,947	13,751	37.0	36.4	479,047	500,988
BARLEY (Bu)	3,508	3,640	60.4	59.9	211,825	217,976
OATS (Bu)	1,505	1,443	60.9	62.3	91,599	89,897
SUGARBEETS (Ton)	1,247	1,052	25.6	24.1	31,912	25,319
DRY BEANS 1/	1,479	1,354	1,716	1,786	25,371	24,172
ALFALFA HAY (Ton)	21,670	20,778	3.35	3.41	72,575	70,944
OTHER HAY (Ton)	39,995	39,661	1.95	1.94	77,729	77,011

1/ Yield in lb: production in cwt.